

# 132<sup>nd</sup> Commencement

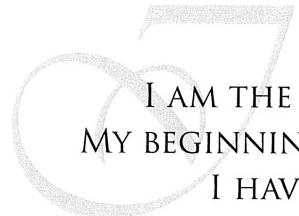
*Sixth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three  
10:00 a.m.*



WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

*Since 1890*

*John D. Rockefeller IV Physical Education Building  
Buckhannon • West Virginia*



I AM THE ORANGE LINE.  
MY BEGINNING WAS LONG AGO.

I HAVE NO END.

I AM PERPETUAL.

MY SOURCE IS IN THE  
WEST VIRGINIA HILLS.

MY REACH  
EMBRACES THE WORLD.

I AM IN AMERICA'S SMALL TOWNS.

I AM IN HER GREAT CITIES.

I CROSS THE SEAS.

I GROW.

I AM YOUR WARM, ENDURING MEMORIES.

I AM YOUR SHARED EXPERIENCES.

I AM YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR TEACHERS.

I AM YOUR LINK TO THE PAST.

I AM YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, THERE TOO, AM I.

I AM YOU.

YOU ARE ME.

WE — ARE THE ORANGE LINE.

*BY CHARLES K. DICK*

P R O G R A M

* PROCESSIONAL	<b>Pomp and Circumstance</b> WVWC Concert Band & Guests	Elgar
* NATIONAL ANTHEM	<b>The Star-Spangled Banner</b> Audience, WVWC Concert Band & Guests	Key
* INVOCATION		<i>Angela Gay Kinkead Jonathan Acord</i>
GREETINGS		<i>Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Dean of the Chapel, Emeritus Kevin Spear '76 Chair Elect, Board of Trustees</i>
WELCOME		James H. Moore, PhD <i>President of the College</i>
INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATE		Lynn M. Linder, PhD <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Caroline H. Rapking, '79 <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees</i>		Presented by Bob Skinner, '75 <i>Vice President for Advancement (Retired)</i>
CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE		President Moore
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	<i>Resilience</i>	Caroline Rapking, '79
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES		Dr. Linder
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES		President Moore
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS		Caroline Fulks <i>President, Senior Class of 2023</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI		Tara Steed, '87 <i>President, Alumni Council</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	<b>My Home Among the Hills</b> WVWC Concert Chorale <i>R. Daniel Hughes, DMA, Director</i>	E. W. James <i>Wesleyan Trustee, 1964-76</i>
* BENEDICTION		Jonathan Acord
* ALMA MATER	<b>Alma Mater of the Mountains</b> <i>Alma Mater of the Mountains, West Virginia Wesleyan, At thy magic mystic fountains Noblest dreams of life began.</i>	Wallace B. Fleming <i>Wesleyan President, 1915-22/1941-42</i>
	<i>We, thy children, bow before thee; We, thy children, now adore thee; And pledge God, who watches o'er thee, Thou shalt fill the ample measures of His plan.</i>	
* RECESSIONAL	<b>Rondeau</b>	Jean-Joseph Mouret

\* *The audience is requested to stand*

## **Honorary Degree Candidate for the Degree Doctor of Humane Letters**

*Caroline H. Rapking*

Ms. Caroline H. Rapking retired as Vice President for the Global Public Sector for CGI, with over 30 years of experience with the company. CGI, one of the largest information technology companies in the world, provides secure and flexible end-to-end services include strategic IT and business consulting, systems integration, IT managed services, and intellectual property solutions. Prior to taking the lead for the Global Public Sector activities, she was the lead of the U.S. State and Local Industry group. Ms. Rapking's mission in both positions was to develop and lead CGI's go-to-market strategy for the Public Sector, in order to generate growth for CGI and deliver quality solutions and services for CGI's clients in this market.

Since joining CGI in January 1983, Ms. Rapking worked exclusively with many of CGI's largest government clients (over 30) in designing and implementing technology and business solutions to transform government management and service delivery. In addition to her work with project delivery and market strategy, Ms. Rapking was also heavily involved in the effort to locate the CGI Center of Excellence in Software Development in Russell County (Virginia), which has resulted in over 500 new jobs located in that rural area.

In 2010, Ms. Rapking was appointed to the Board of Trustees of West Virginia Wesleyan College and has served as Chair since July 2020. She has also served as Chair of the Capital Campaign, Chair of the Advancement Council, Co-Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.

From 2007—2014, Ms. Rapking served on the Board of the Virginia Community College Foundation for Education, including a term as Treasurer, and has been a member of the selection committee for the prestigious Valley Protein Scholars program.

She also served on the Maxwell School Advisory Board of Syracuse University for 21 years and was a member of the DC Presence Committee, which helped search for and determine the remote campus location for the Maxwell School in Washington, DC.

Ms. Rapking's community and industry involvement has included business and industry trade associations, and health-related associations. She was a member of the National Capital Area Corporate Council of the American Cancer Society, and served on the Board for the child advocacy entity Voices for Virginia's Children. She has been active in the following public sector professional organizations and boards: TechAmerica (formerly ITAA) as Chair of the State and Local Board of Directors; National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT), and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO).

Ms. Rapking was a member of the Board of Directors of Nextel Partners, Inc., a Fortune 1000 Company and an affiliate of Nextel Communications. She served on the Audit Committee and Special Committee and was Chair of the Nominating Committee. She joined the Nextel Partners Board in July 2002, and left the Board in July 2006 when Sprint/Nextel bought Nextel Partners and the Board was dissolved.

Ms. Rapking is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College (1979, B.A.) and of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University (1982) where she earned her M.P.A.



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St. Catharines Ontario, Canada

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HUMPHRIES (3) #  
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Elkins, West Virginia

- (1) June 7, 2022  
(2) July 7, 2022  
(3) August 12, 2022  
(4) December 13, 2022

+Honors Program Graduate.

\* Degree requirements to be completed.

# In absentia.

^ Has or will earn at least 150 credit hours and complete the requirements for two degrees.

# 2023 Academic & Leadership Awards

## Athletics

Sam Ross Scholar Athlete Award ..... Khalil Smith  
Hannah Hudson

## Campus Life

Campus Life Staff Member of the Year ..... Colby Wamsley

## Bobcat Entertainment

Bobcat Entertainment Member of the Year ..... Colby Wamsley  
Bobcat Entertainment Rising Star ..... Peter D'Avanzo

## Center for Community Engagement

Sullivan Foundation Awards ..... Easton Perry  
Madisyn Fox

John Wesley "Do All The Good You Can" ..... Noah Jeffries

Wesleyan Values ..... Michael Winston  
Courtney Gray

Outstanding Peer Leader ..... Emily Wilmoth  
Hannah Ketterman

Outstanding Community Outreach ..... Olivia Carpenter  
Ryan Shrewsbury  
Geneva Brown  
Caroline Fulks  
Laine Stover

## Community & Alumni Relations

Brad Long Peace Award ..... Kiylei Holloway

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Outstanding Leadership Award ..... Charles Malone  
Morgan Bennet  
Loren Keene

Allyship Award ..... Geneva Brown

Trail Blazer Award ..... Cierra Tolbert

Rising Star Award ..... Omar Sadek

## Greek Life

Greek Man of the Year ..... James McIntosh  
Greek Woman of the Year ..... Olivia Carpenter

## Religious & Spiritual Life

Leadership Award ..... Garrett Davis  
Christian Cimaglia  
Abigail Anderson

## Student Senate

Faculty Member of the Year ..... Greg Popovich  
Staff Member of the Year ..... John Bowman

## Art

Outstanding Senior Art Major ..... Berlin Pruden  
Outstanding Senior Graphic Design Major ..... Kaitlin Anderson  
Outstanding Junior Art Major ..... Alaynah Rubio  
Outstanding Sophomore Art Major ..... Oreana Sharpless  
Outstanding Freshmen Art Major ..... Paige Blust

## Biology & Environmental Science

Outstanding Seniors in Biology ..... Olivia Carpenter  
Betty Abdelgelil  
Outstanding Junior in Biology ..... Hali Westcott

<b>Outstanding Sophomore in Biology .....</b>	Kyan Gillespie Kaef Rehman
<b>Outstanding Freshman in Biology .....</b>	Srikiran Nandigama Sydney Vilain
	Raveena Navalgund
	Caitlynn Sherman Omar Sadek
	Haden Fincham
	Autumn Russell
	Elizabeth Kittle
	Curtis Litton
<b>Outstanding Research Student .....</b>	Chris Bender Geneva Brown
	Olivia Carpenter Hayden Hess
<b>Outstanding Student Workers in Biology/Environ Science.....</b>	Olivia Carpenter Ashley Nicholas

#### **Business & Economy**

<b>Outstanding Accounting Student .....</b>	Yudai Kojima
<b>Outstanding Business Administration Student.....</b>	Jacob Folland
<b>Outstanding Economics Student .....</b>	Camillo Salvi
<b>Outstanding Marketing Student .....</b>	Mari-Jane "Gracie" McLeod
<b>Outstanding Sport Business Student.....</b>	Shelby Kennedy
<b>Outstanding 5 year MBA Student.....</b>	Camden Richardson

#### **Chemistry & Biochemistry**

<b>Outstanding Laboratory Assistant .....</b>	Stephen Groves
<b>Outstanding Junior Chemist.....</b>	Garrett Davis
<b>Outstanding Senior Biochemist.....</b>	Kristen Crowder

#### **Communication**

<b>Outstanding Communication Major.....</b>	Iris Kolenich Emily Reed
<b>Leadership in the Communication Department.....</b>	Anthony Damcott
<b>Outstanding Communication Researcher .....</b>	Chloe Sotomayor
<b>Outstanding Media Communication Major.....</b>	Anthony Damcott Tim Walker
<b>Outstanding Rising Stars in the Field of Communication.....</b>	Hunter Dierlam Dylan Pauley

#### **Computer Science**

<b>Outstanding Senior.....</b>	Gage Poling
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#### **Criminal Justice**

<b>Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior .....</b>	Lillie Archer
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#### **Dance/Theatre**

<b>Larry Reed Technical Theatre Award.....</b>	Elizabeth Tweel
<b>Outstanding Senior Dance Student.....</b>	Loren Keene
<b>Outstanding Senior Theatre Student.....</b>	Jackson Johnson Timothy Walker

#### **Education**

<b>Academic Achievement Award</b>	
<b>Freshman.....</b>	Rhiannon Woolcock
<b>Sophomore .....</b>	Katherine Caldwell
<b>Junior .....</b>	Payton Campbell
<b>Senior .....</b>	Abby Wetzel
<b>Dr. Ruth Mansberger Shearer Education Award.....</b>	Abby Wetzel

Dorie McHugh O'Brien '64 Award .....	Abigail Anderson
<b>English</b>	
Outstanding Seniors in English .....	Daniel Dyal
<b>Exercise Science &amp; Athletic Training</b>	
Outstanding Senior in Athletic Training.....	Easton Perry
Outstanding Research Student in Exercise Science.....	Holli Bragg
Delta Psi Kappa/David E. Reemsnyder Award.....	Isabella Posey
Developing Clinician in Exercise Science Award .....	K. Ryan Shrewsbury
<b>Gender Studies</b>	
Outstanding Senior Major in Gender Studies Award .....	Noah Jeffries Kayla Means
Putting Theory into Practice Award.....	Geneva Brown
<b>Honors Program</b>	
Outstanding Honors Students .....	Olivia Carpenter Jackson Igo Shaylen Chenoweth
<b>International Studies</b>	
Outstanding Senior in International Studies .....	Caroline Fulks
<b>Mathematics</b>	
Hallam .....	Christian Cimaglia Savannah Herrod Camden Lawrence Collin McEntire Morgan Norris
<b>Music</b>	
Music Department Award.....	Geneva Brown
<b>Nursing</b>	
Outstanding Seniors in Nursing .....	Mariah O'Hara Victoria Syrews
Outstanding Juniors in Nursing.....	Kaitlyn Canby Makenzi Lewellyn
Outstanding Sophomores in Nursing.....	Melody "Ryanne" Garrett Paige Miller
<b>Physics &amp; Engineering</b>	
Outstanding BS in Physics .....	Ethan Cutright Robert Hardt Payton Hefner Jackson Igo James Anthony McIntosh Abigail O'Shields Logan Proud Eden Reynolds Rebekah Sikora
Outstanding BA in Physics .....	Lance Cerullo Madisyn Fox Caleb Hardy Gene Hutchinson Pedro Parmezani Payton Slider

<b>Political Science</b>		
<b>Outstanding Seniors in Political Science</b>	.....	Brittany Myers
<b>Psychology</b>		
<b>Outstanding Senior in Psychology</b>	.....	Shaylen Chenoweth
<b>Religious Studies</b>		
<b>Outstanding Religious Studies</b>	.....	Courtney Gray
<b>Sociology/Social Justice</b>		
<b>John Warner Sociology Award</b>	.....	Kendra Goeddert
<b>Vijaya Rao Global Awareness Award</b>	.....	Caroline Fulks
<b>Outstanding Senior in Sociology</b>	.....	Caitlin Wilhelm
<b>Wesleyan Spirit Awards</b>		
<b>Freshmen</b>	.....	Julius Pretlow LouMasi Lott
<b>Sophomores</b>	.....	Kaef Rehman Zoe Casto
<b>Juniors</b>	.....	Colby Wamsley Destiny Cochran
<b>Seniors</b>	.....	David Taylor Hannah Ketterman

#### **Senior Academic and Leadership Achievement**

Betty Abdelgelil, Abigail Anderson, Lillie Archer, Jakob Bohland, Kristen Crowder, Caroline Fulks, Hannah Hudson, Payton Hefner, Jackson Igo, Samuel Ingram, Katherine Marks, Yuka Mizuide, Mariah O'Hara, Abigail O'Shields, Isabella Posey, Kotone Sakamura, Rebekah Sikora, Timothy Walker, Abby Wetzel

#### **Outstanding Seniors**

Morgan Bennett, Olivia Carpenter, Madisyn Fox, Courtney Gray, Easton Perry, Ryan Shrewsbury



## **THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

Academic processions are rich in tradition and pageantry. Some elements of the procession are common to all institutions of higher education, guided by centuries of protocol, and others are unique to individual institutions, symbolizing meaningful and specific college traditions.

At West Virginia Wesleyan College, the procession is led by a cross reflecting the College's Methodist heritage. The cross bearer this year is Dr. Caleb Gibson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Next in the procession is the mace bearer, Dr. Susan Rice, Associate Professor of Health Science.

Today's head marshal is Dr. Joseph Wiest, Professor of Physics. He is assisted by Dr. Pamela Wovchko, Professor of Mathematics; Dr. Edward Wovchko, Professor of Chemistry; Ms. Alisa Lively, Dean of Students; Mr. Doug Van Gundy, Associate Professor of English; Dr. Jessica Scott, Associate Professor of Gender Studies; and Dr. Luke Huggins, Professor of Biology.

The Class of 2023 is led by officers Caroline Fulks, President; Madisyn Fox, Vice President; Dylan Pauley, Secretary and Abigail O'Shields, Treasurer.



## *Academic Attire*

Academic attire – cap, gown, and hood – is higher education’s link with its long and illustrious past. Like judicial dress, it originated in the 12th century with the medieval clergy, whose ecclesiastical dress probably derived in turn from civilian attire at an earlier age. Medieval scholars were almost all clergymen, and the earliest illustrations available show gowns that somewhat resemble cassocks. Universities of the period were primarily education guilds, the term “bachelor” denoting an apprentice, “master,” a full member of the guild, and “doctor,” one who has attained the highest degree of learning in a particular field.

Originally, the titles of “doctor,” “master,” and “professor” were synonymous, meaning one who has a license to teach. By the 14th century, however, “doctor” had acquired a higher status and was used by professional faculties of law, theology, and medicine, while teachers in the faculties of the arts were known as “master.” The first stage of candidacy for either level was the baccalaureate of “bachelor,” and the successive steps were called grades or “degrees.”

In the United States, academic attire began to be used extensively at the end of the 19th century. To avoid confusion, the Intercollegiate Commission drew up a code in 1895 for academic attire. Followed by virtually all American institutions of higher learning, it has given America a beautiful and impressive, yet extremely simple method of signifying academic honors.

The bachelor’s gown is black and worn closed, distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves; the master’s is designated to be worn open and has long sleeves with square base and arc cut; the doctor’s, worn open or closed, has velvet panels down the front and three bars on the round, full sleeve. The color of the velvet may signify the field of study.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of academic attire. Its colors indicate both the degree of the wearer and the institution attended. The bachelor’s and the master’s hoods are similar in design, but the bachelor’s is three feet long while the master’s is three and a half feet long. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the institution conferring the degree, for example, orange and black for West Virginia Wesleyan; the edging of the hood indicates the academic discipline.

Since the hood no longer serves as a head covering, the mortarboard, which originated in English universities, is worn. A long tassel of black or of a color appropriate to the degree is fastened in the middle of the top of the cap. The doctor’s cap may have a gold tassel. Recently, soft velvet tams have become popular for holders of advanced degrees.

Academic attire serves two purposes; it gives a sense of dignity and tradition to the ceremony, and it links those who wear it, students and faculty, to all the men and women who, over the past centuries, have sought learning.

### *Degree colors are as follows:*

Agriculture .....	maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities .....	white
Business .....	drab
Dentistry.....	lilac
Economics.....	copper
Education .....	light blue
Engineering.....	orange
Fine Arts.....	brown
Forestry .....	russet
Journalism.....	crimson
Law .....	purple
Library Science .....	lemon
Medicine .....	green

Music.....	pink
Nursing.....	apricot
Pharmacy.....	olive green
Philosophy.....	dark blue
Physical Education.....	sage green
Public Administration .....	peacock blue
Public Health.....	salmon pink
Science .....	golden yellow
Social Science .....	cream
Social Work.....	citron
Speech.....	silver gray
Theology .....	scarlet
Veterinary Science .....	gray

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